(*c*) the number of times they actually run ;

(*d*) whether there is any fixed time for the service in a day ; and

(*e*) whether they have received any complaints about the unsatisfactory condition of the service ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : (*a*) One.

(*b*) The bus is permitted to run at 30 minutes' interval from 6 A. M. to 8. P. M.

(*c*) Three.

(*d*) The member is referred to answer to part (*b*).

(*e*) No.

Bus Service between Kattakada and Nedumangad.

163. ✱ **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any regular motor bus service between Kattakada and Nedumangad and, if so, at what time ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Yes. One Bus is allowed to run service between Trivandrum and Nedumangad *via* Kattakada and it has permission to make 2 trips in a day to suit the convenience of the travelling public.

Power-alcohol mixed with petrol.

164. ✱ **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether power-alcohol mixed with petrol has been tried in the buses run by the Transport Department ;

(*b*) what the results of that experiment are from the stand point of the expenditure involved ; and

(*c*) whether the authorities investigated the question as to whether the engines of the vehicles will in any way be affected by the use of such a mixture, and if so to what extent ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In the proportion in which they are mixed, *i. e.*, 25 percent. of Alcohol with 75 per cent of Petrol, the same results are obtained in power and running as when petrol is used. Hence there is a saving of 11½ annas for every gallon of Alcohol consumed.

(*c*) Yes. The engine will not be affected.

Pilgrims to Sabarimala.

165. ✱ **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any, and if so, what measures have been taken to ascertain the total number of pilgrims who go every year to Sabarimala for worship in the local Sastha Temple ;

(*b*) what the arrangements are that have already been made by the Medical, Public Health, Public Works and Forest Departments to afford them the necessary facilities ;

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